



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2011 Biennium

<b>Bill #</b>	SB0063	<b>Title:</b>	Tax incentives for volunteer EMTs and their employers
<b>Primary Sponsor:</b>	Laible, Rick	<b>Status:</b>	As Amended in Senate Committee

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact     | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2  | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

### FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2010 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2012 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2013 Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	(\$120,000)	(\$120,000)	(\$120,000)
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$120,000)</u>	<u>(\$120,000)</u>	<u>(\$120,000)</u>

#### Description of fiscal impact:

This bill provides an income tax credit for volunteer emergency medical technicians (EMTs). This would reduce general fund revenue by about \$0.12 million per year.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions:

1. This bill provides an income tax credit for volunteer emergency medical technicians (EMTs). The credit would be available beginning in tax year 2010.
2. The credit is \$100 for a volunteer EMT who spent at least 1,200 hours on call, responding to calls, or up to 200 hours of training. A volunteer EMT who spent less than 1,200 hours on call, responding to calls or in training may take a credit proportional to the number of hours. If the credit is more than the taxpayer's tax liability, the excess will be refunded.
3. According to EMS & Trauma Systems at the Department of Public Health and Human Services, there are approximately 4,600 licensed EMTs in Montana. About 53%, or 2,400, are volunteers. EMS & Trauma Systems estimates that 50% of the volunteers are active and would claim the full tax credit. The other 50% of volunteers are assumed not to reach the 120-hour threshold for claiming the credit. Total credits will be \$120,000 (50%×2400×\$100).

4. The revenue reduction from credits for each tax year will occur when EMTs file income tax returns in the spring of the next higher numbered fiscal year. General fund revenue will be reduced \$120,000 in FY 2011 through FY 2013.
5. Changes to tax forms required by this bill will be made as part of the annual update process with no additional costs to the Department of Revenue.

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<b><u>Fiscal Impact:</u></b>				
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	(\$120,000)	(\$120,000)	(\$120,000)
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	(\$120,000)	(\$120,000)	(\$120,000)

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